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Applicant(s): Smith et al.

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Title: Apparatus and Method For Reducing  
the Risk of Decubitus Ulcers

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2632

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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	5,941,836	8/24/1999	Friedman	G01C	9/06
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	AC	6,014,346	1/11/2000	Malone	G04B	47/00
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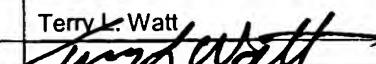
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